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### From the Dean

We are delighted to report that FSU Law's Sheila M. McDevitt Professor **Michael Morley** has been selected for membership in the American Law Institute (ALI). Election into ALI is an extremely prestigious honor, bestowed on the nation's most prominent judges, lawyers, and law professors. The institute is the leading independent organization in the United States producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize, and improve the law. Michael's selection for ALI membership is a reflection of his important contributions to the legal profession and legal scholarship. With Michael's election to ALI, FSU Law is privileged to have five faculty members in the prestigious organization. I am honored to be a member of the American Law Institute, as are FSU Law's Larry and Joyce Beltz Professor of Torts and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Shawn Bayern, Steven M. Goldstein Professor Wayne Logan, and Dean Emeritus and Alumni Centennial Professor Don Weidner.



Michael teaches and writes in the areas of election law, constitutional law, remedies, and federal courts. He is best known for his work on election emergencies and post-election litigation, injunctions, and the jurisdiction and equitable powers of the federal courts. He has testified before congressional committees, made presentations to election officials for the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, and participated in bipartisan blue-ribbon groups to develop election reforms. His scholarship has been published in many of the nation's top law reviews, and the United States Supreme Court has cited several of his articles.

*Erin O'Connor*

Dean Erin O'Connor

### FSU Law Celebrates Homecoming



Last weekend, FSU Law held its 2021 Homecoming festivities. The events were a much-anticipated opportunity to connect and celebrate alumni. Friday's Homecoming Parade Watch Party kicked off the events with good food and a large dose of Florida State University spirit. On Saturday, the FSU Law Alumni Association Board of Directors conducted a productive meeting and the law school tailgate was attended by approximately 200 alumni, students, and friends. Attendees enjoyed barbecue, lawn games, a bounce house, and reconnecting. Several classes gathered for special reunions throughout the weekend, including at the tailgate. On Sunday, FSU Law celebrated the classes of 1970 and 1971 during the 50-Year Alumni Brunch. This event allowed the law school to specially honor alumni from some of FSU Law's first years in existence. [Photos from the law school events](#) are available online. Many thanks to all of the alumni and friends who made this year's Homecoming festivities so exceptional!

### Alum Profile: Ashley H. Lukis ('13)

**Ashley H. Lukis** is a shareholder at GrayRobinson in Tallahassee. She has practiced with GrayRobinson since graduating from law school, and after clerking with the firm as a summer associate through participation in FSU Law's on-campus interview program. Lukis practices defense-oriented general civil litigation in state and federal court, representing private clients and state governmental entities—including state agencies, the Florida Legislature, and state universities—at the trial and appellate levels, in matters ranging from contract disputes to novel questions of constitutional law. Lukis also practices administrative law, representing clients in license and permitting disputes and competitive procurement proceedings. Lukis is a proud member of the FSU Law Alumni Association Board of Directors, and is a member of the Tallahassee Bar Association, where she previously served on the Young Lawyers Section Board of Directors. Lukis is also a member of the Federalist Society and the Republican National Lawyers Association. Most importantly to her, Lukis has two happy and healthy children (ages three and one), and is married to fellow FSU Law alum Adrian Lukis ('13).



*“I am a double-’Nole, married to a double-’Nole, raising two future ’Noles—so I can objectively opine that there is no better place in Florida to practice law, observe state government, raise a family, and support our incredible alma mater than Tallahassee. Overlooking the beautiful FSU Law campus from my office window is not a bad way to start and end each work day, either.”*

### Student Profile: 3L Jason Barrack

**Desired Practice Location:** Tampa, Miami, or Tallahassee

**Expected Graduation:** May 2022

**Specialty:** Business law

**Field of Law Sought:** Real estate law, corporate law

Originally from Ogden, Utah, Jason Barrack earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Weber State University. He will graduate from FSU Law in May with a Business Law Certificate. This semester, Barrack is working as a law clerk with the Florida Office of the Attorney General's Civil Litigation Division, where he assists in preparations for and observes hearings and depositions. He is also responsible for sorting through discovery documents and drafting pleadings and motions. Over the summer, Barrack worked as a full-time law clerk at Young Qualls Law Firm in Tallahassee. In this position, he drafted numerous court documents, drafted and reviewed contracts, conducted legal research, drafted legal memoranda, analyzed legislative documents, and assisted with trial preparations.



At FSU Law, Barrack is a member of the Business Law Society, the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Society, and the Trafficking in America Task Force. In addition, he is a Florida Bar Business Law Section member. His relevant coursework includes Advanced Legal Research, Secured Transactions, Contract Drafting, Corporations, Corporate Finance, and Investment Management. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Barrack after graduation, visit his [LinkedIn profile](#) or email him at [jb20ja@my.fsu.edu](mailto:jb20ja@my.fsu.edu).

*“Being in the epicenter of one of the greatest states in the country, FSU has offered me many opportunities to meet legislators and work with attorneys from numerous state agencies. I have been able to develop my interpersonal skills while simultaneously obtaining a great deal of knowledge about the Florida legal system. The robust business courses have allowed me to build on my background knowledge of business law and accounting.”*

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